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1976 ANNUAL REPORT

COVER ILLUSTRATION

This is a reproduction of the new shoulder patch now worn on the uniforms of the Police and Fire Department. It depicts an old mill for which Bow was known many years ago. The Bow Mills area had several mills; saw mills as well as grist mills. There were also other mills located in other sections of Town. It shows the date that the Town was incorporated—1727. This year we will be celebrating our 250th Anniversary.

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DEDICATION



Oscar Merrill (left) and Walter Alexander (right) both retired from the Highway Crew in December, 1976 after a combined total of 38 years service for the Town. Oscar retired after 15 years and "Walt" after 23 years. All these years their main duty was driving a truck, but both were willing and able to do anything they were asked to do from cutting brush to patching roads. You have seen Oscar and Walt many times over the years and probably have waved to them as they drove by with a load of sand or a plow blade full of snow on their trucks.

We thank you both for your many years of faithful service to the Town and wish you many enjoyable years of happiness in your retirement.

We dedicate this annual report to you—

Walt and Oscar.

The Board of Selectmen

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TOWN DIRECTORY — OFFICERS AND STAFF

Representatives to General Court Richard D. Hanson
Bernadette McNichol
Moderator Horace W. Bailey — Term Expires 1978

Supervisors of Check List

William F. Gibbs Term Expires 1978
Dorothy H. Roy. Term Expires 1980
Phyllis J. Gilbert Term Expires 1982

Selectmen

Ira R. Evans Term Expires 1977
Carroll W. French. Term Expires 1978
Ronald J. Askin Term Expires 1979

Administrative Assistant Walter E. Jones
Secretary Jeannette S. Merrill
Town Treasurer. Joan P. Lyford
Town Clerk Virginia F. Abbott
Tax Collector. Virginia F. Abbott
Health Officer. Robert E. Boucher, M.D.
Road Agent Paul A. Lindquist
Chief of Police Philip W. Cantara
Fire Chief James R. Goodwin
Town Engineer & Building Inspector. Robert T. Ojendyk
Bookkeeper. Joan P. Lyford
Records Clerk. Melba Terrell
Deputy Tax Collector Donna Carlton
Recreation Director Robert D. Wheeler
Emergency Medical Team. Neil Ordway

Budget Committee

Alfred H. Ward, Chairman Term Expires 1977
Frank D. Hirsch Term Expires 1977
Jeffrey B. Foote. Term Expires 1978
Linda J. Warriner. Term Expires 1978
Edward B. Furber. Term Expires 1979
Richard D. Hanson. Term Expires 1979
Carroll W. French, — Selectman Carl B. Smith, — School Board

Library Trustees

John W. Chadwick Term Expires 1977
Reginald R. Scott Term Expires 1978
Jean P. Verville Term Expires 1979

Judith Ann King	Term Expires 1980
William Maynard	Term Expires 1981

Trustees of Trust Funds

Hiel F. Allbee	Term Expires 1977
Paul A. Lindquist	Term Expires 1978
Morris C. Foote, Sr.	Term Expires 1979

Surveyors of Wood and Timber

Willis F. Woodbury	Gerald D. Upton, Sr.
Morris C. Foote, Sr.	

Overseer of Welfare	Melba Terrell
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Planning Board

V. Michael Blake	Term Expires 1977
Alfred H. Ward.	Term Expires 1978
John J. Urdi	Term Expires 1978
Alfred J. Runnals	Term Expires 1979
Robert H. Dandy	Term Expires 1980
Duncan C. Pearson	Term Expires 1981

Librarian	Barbara K. Howe
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Ballot Clerks

Philip J. Sargent, Democrat	Mary L. Chadwick, Republican
Joan P. Lyford, Republican	Barbara P. Richards, Democrat
Sara H. Swenson, Republican — Substitute	

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Earl F. Vaughn.	Term Expires 1977
William H. Carpenter, Chairman	Term Expires 1978
Gerald D. Upton, Jr.	Term Expires 1979
Winfield P. Robin	Term Expires 1980
Thomas T. Gallagher	Term Expires 1981
Robert McNichol.	Alternate Member

Conservation Commission

G. Ritchie White	Resigned
Richard G. Rice	Term Expires 1977
Roy W. Peaslee	Term Expires 1977
Carl E. Sandquist	Resigned
Carol Gouin	Term Expires 1978
Edward A. Haffer	Term Expires 1978
John J. Urdi	Term Expires 1978

Morris C. Foote, Jr., Chairman	Term Expires 1979
Franklin Gregory	Deceased
Curtis O. Gordon	Term Expires 1979

Civil Defense Director John T. Lyford, Resigned

Representatives to Central N.H. Regional Planning Commission

Paul A. Lindquist..... James E. Kibby

Regional Refuse Disposal Committee

Kenneth A. Bradley	Term Expires 1977
Carter F. Barger	Term Expires 1977
Richard D. Hanson	Term Expires 1977

Sewer Commission

Cedric H. Dustin, Jr.	Term Expires 1977
Wilfred Ives.	Resigned
Kenneth A. Bradley	Appointed Term Expires 1977
Thomas T. Gallagher	Term Expires 1979

Water Commission

Thomas T. Gallagher	Term Expires 1977
Cedric H. Dustin, Jr.	Term Expires 1978
Wilfred Ives.	Resigned

Building Advisory Committee

Catherine C. Hirsch	Term Expires 1977
Robert D. Chadwick	Term Expires 1977
Conrad B. Desmarais	Term Expires 1978
James R. Goodwin	Term Expires 1978
Robert Muir	Term Expires 1979
Arthur L. Sinclair, Chairman	Term Expires 1979

Recreation Commission

Robert McNichol	Term Expires 1977
William H. Carpenter	Term Expires 1978
Ronald Askin (Resigned).	Term Expires 1978
Cindy Johnson	Term Expires 1978
Nancy Wood, Chairman	Term Expires 1979
Carl McAllister	Term Expires 1979

250th Anniversary Committee

Anne Foote
David Bundy, Chairman

Arthur Sinclair

Jean Bailey
Richard Bean

Building Code Board of Appeals

David J. Hickey.	Term Expires 1977
James A. Kelso, Jr.	Term Expires 1978
Walter C. Hipp.	Term Expires 1979
Maurice R. Nepveu.	Term Expires 1980
James E. Kibby, Chairman	Term Expires 1981

Advisory Committee to the Conservation Commission

Terms Expire 1977

Paul A. Lindquist	Jack E. Earle	William H. Hilton
Gerald D. Upton, Sr.	Cedric H. Dustin, Jr.	Morris Foote, Sr.
Gary Nylen	Nancy Wood	Alfred H. Ward

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bow, in the County of Merrimack, in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bow Memorial School in said Bow on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1977, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be by official ballot, and the polls shall open for balloting at ten o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before six o'clock in the evening.

The remaining Articles in the Warrant shall be acted upon at eight o'clock in the evening or at the closing of the polls if the meeting shall vote to keep the polls open to a later hour.

1. To choose by Non-partisan Ballot the following town officers:

One Selectman for three years
A Town Treasurer for one year
A Town Clerk for one year
Two members of the Budget Committee for three years
One member of the Budget Committee for one year
One Library Trustee for five years
One Trustee of Trust Funds for three years
One Water Commissioner for three years
One Water Commissioner for two years
One Sewer Commissioner for three years
One Sewer Commissioner for one year

2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Map as proposed by Petition.

(By Ballot)

3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board.

(By Ballot)

4. To see if the Town will vote to establish as Town Forests under RSA 31:110 the following tracts or parcels of land acquired by the Town in 1976 by purchase from the Estates of Robert W. Upton and Martha G. Upton:

Block 2, Parcels Nos. 83, 97 and 122;
Block 3, Parcels Nos. 63 and 138;
Block 4, Parcels Nos. 26, 27, 56, 65, 68 and 116; and
Block, 5, Parcel No. 64

and to authorize the Town Conservation Commission to manage such Town Forests and to develop and carry out a forest management program for the same and other multiple use programs consistent therewith.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to determine, after public hearing, the proper utilization of all those lands acquired by the Town from the Estates of Robert W. Upton and Martha G. Upton which are not established as Town Forests under the preceding article.

6. To see if the Town will vote to elect Planning Board Members at the next regular Town Meeting as outlined in New Hampshire State Law RSA 36:4.
(By Petition)

7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$33,500) for the purchase of the following Highway Equipment:

Dump truck with plow and wing \$33,500.

and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

(Recommended by The Budget Committee)

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for replacement of Highway Equipment.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1966 for the purchase of highway equipment the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and all accrued interest and add this amount to the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for the replacement of highway equipment. This will combine two Capital Reserve Funds into one.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase additional land along the easterly and northerly sides of Sargent Park and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1962 for replacement and reconstruction of Town buildings the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000)

to be used as a set-off against the budgeted appropriation of the Municipal Building.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, ninety-two dollars and fifty-four cents (\$1,092.54) for Town Road Aid Construction, the State to furnish the amount of seven thousand, two hundred eighty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$7,283.60) to be expended on the Branch Londonderry Turnpike and the Allen Road.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to improve the construction of the public highway known as Wood Hill Road, the State to furnish an equal amount.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, until directed to the contrary at a subsequent Town Meeting, to apply, negotiate and do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal, State, or other assistance as may be available for the design of, and construction of a sewage disposal system, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of said assistance as outlined in N.H. RSA 33:7-b et seq., as amended, and pass any vote relating thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.) for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications on sewerage and sewage treatment facilities which are requirements contained in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) and will qualify the Town for Federal Funds, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such additional monies as become available from the Federal Government under the Financial Assistance Program of the Construction Grants section of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) and pass any vote relating thereto.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take any and all such action as may be necessary to acquire whatever easements and lands as are required to comply with Permit No. N.P.D.E.S. N.H. 010048, initially certified by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission on July 20, 1975 under the provisions of Public Law 92500. Further, the Selectmen are hereby authorized to employ whatever statutory provisions, including RSA 31:92-a, as are deemed necessary or desirable in order to secure the easements and lands required for the project.

17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of four thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$4,700) to replace a Police Cruiser and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee)

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept surplus equipment for the Town from the State or Federal Government whenever owning such equipment appears to be in the best interest of the Town.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer to the Bow School District for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) that piece of Town land located southerly of the Bow Memorial School and known as Block #3, Parcel #106 on the Bow Town map containing 18.5 acres more or less for the purpose of future school use.

22. To hear the reports of standing committees and take any action relating thereto.

23. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred, seventy-seven.

Ira R. Evans
Carroll W. French
Ronald J. Askin
SELECTMEN OF BOW

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BOW

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Recom- mended 1977	Sub- mitted Without Recom- mendation
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$66,185.00	\$71,375.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	17,955.00	20,430.00	
Election & Registration Expenses	2,586.00	1,639.00	
Audit	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	53,102.00	66,020.00	
Employee's Ret. & Soc. Secur.	24,000.00	24,500.00	
Contingency Fund	5,000.00	8,000.00	
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	98,986.00	117,556.00	
Fire Department	53,985.00	48,015.00	
Care of Trees	100.00	100.00	
Insurance	26,120.00	29,162.00	
Planning & Zoning & Board of Appeals	3,420.00	2,790.00	
Damages & Legal Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Civil Defense	25.00	25.00	
Health Dept. Inc. Hosp. & Amb.			
Conservation Commission	10,870.00	7,540.00	
Health Dept.	2,621.00	2,623.00	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	27,075.00	26,625.00	
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance — Summer & Winter	88,500.00	98,100.00	
Street Lighting	14,000.00	17,750.00	
Gen'l Exp. of Hwy. Dept. & Resurfacing	113,995.00	114,315.00	
Town Road Aid	1,098.11	1,092.54	
Libraries:	23,635.00	19,586.00	
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	3,100.00	3,220.00	
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00	10,000.00	
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	— — —	— — —	
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, Etc.)	6,500.00	10,050.00	
Recreation:	15,690.00	19,791.10	
Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipal Water — Electric Utilities	— — —	— — —	
Cemeteries	3,785.00	5,185.00	
Airports	— — —	— — —	
Advertising & Regional Associations	2,460.00	2,565.00	
Debt Service:			
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	— — —	182,500.00	
Interest — Long Term Notes & Bonds	— — —	18,250.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Capital Outlay (List Below):			
Highway Equipment	30,000.00	33,500.00	
Land Acquisition	500,000.00	5,000.00	
State Aid Reconstruction	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Sewer Plans	— — —	40,000.00	
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds:			
Highway Equipment	— — —	10,000.00	
Total Appropriations	\$1,235,793.11	\$1,046,304.64	

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	10,000.00	13,571.47	15,000.00
Railroad Tax	— — —	— — —	— — —
Savings Bank Tax	3,000.00	4,321.41	4,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	18,500.00	22,077.05	23,000.00
State Aid — Water Pollution Projects	— — —	— — —	32,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	19,000.00	19,236.46	19,000.00
Reimbursement Forest Conservation Aid	60.00	— — —	60.00
Reimbursement A/C Flood Control Land	— — —	— — —	— — —
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	26,259.00	26,259.00	26,000.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	1,450.00	1,534.00	1,500.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	3,500.00	6,271.33	6,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	64,500.00	87,987.00	70,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	8,000.00	14,563.00	17,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	1,300.00	1,272.00	1,300.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds	— — —	— — —	6,000.00
Parking Meter Income	— — —	— — —	— — —
Fines & Forfeits — Municipal & District Court	— — —	— — —	— — —
National Bank Stock Taxes	125.00	133.25	125.00
Resident Taxes Retained	18,000.00	20,790.00	21,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	600.00	3,022.00	2,000.00
Rent of Town Property	4,200.00	5,031.00	5,000.00
Sale of Town Property	— — —	178.76	— — —
Income from Departments	4,200.00	4,383.00	5,500.00
School:	— — —	— — —	13,900.00
Conservation Commission Fund:	10,000.00	10,000.00	— — —
Cash on Hand — Library & Conservation Comm.	2,000.00	— — —	— — —
Bond & Note Issues (Contra)	365,000.00	— — —	— — —
Surplus	50,000.00	70,000.00	100,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	52,500.00	46,940.00	46,000.00
*Total Revenues from all Sources			
Except Property Taxes	662,194.00	357,570.73	414,385.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes (Exclusive of County and School Taxes)	573,599.11	555,395.11	631,919.64
Total Revenues	1,235,793.11	912,965.84	1,046,304.64

*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total "Appropriations recommended by Budget Committee" gives estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes," exclusive of County and School Taxes.

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

You may not be aware that the City of Concord is receiving a portion of tax revenue which justly belongs to the Town of Bow. We are referring to the Savings Bank Tax. Records show that in 1891, Bow's population was 725 and revenue received from the Savings Bank Tax was \$2,521.35. In 1976, our population increased over four and one-half times to 3300, but the revenue received from the Savings Bank Tax increased less than two times to \$4,321.41. Please check your passbooks and be sure that you list your residence as Bow, *not* Concord.

We are continuing our efforts to resolve the many problems surrounding the construction of a new Railroad overpass on River Road and will further pursue these efforts this coming year.

Our Town is still growing. The year 1976 ended with 47 new single family building permits being issued—an increase of six over last year's 41 permits.

Please bear in mind that copies of our Town's history "100 acres, more or less" are still available for \$20.00 each at the Selectmen's office. Bicentennial coins are also still on sale. Both make excellent gifts.

You will find articles in this year's Warrant dealing with proposed uses of the recently purchased Upton land. Considerable time and energy have been spent in analyzing these parcels so that they can be put to their best use. We, as Selectmen, hope that you will support these very important articles.

The Selectmen have approved a recommendation from the Police and Fire Departments to number all dwellings in the Town. This is a joint effort which is being accomplished by the Building Inspector, in cooperation with the Police and Fire Departments. Once all buildings are numbered, this will assist these departments in locating a particular building in an emergency situation.

You will find an article in the Warrent regarding the purchase of additional land next to Sargent Park behind the Municipal Building and you will be asked to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for the purchase of this land. It has been brought to our attention that the Town has enjoyed the use of a portion of this land bordering the Park for many years. At present, a portion of the driveway leading from Grandview Road to the Park is not owned by the Town. In addition, the bleachers on the left field line are on private property. We would like very much to resolve the land in question and we therefore ask for your support to purchase it.

The City of Concord's Wastewater Treatment Plant off Hall Street will be operational about 1980. The Environmental Protection Agency (E. P. A.) has directed that the Town of Bow will sewer certain sections and tie-in to the Concord system by November 15, 1981. Much planning and engineering work must be done in preparation for this and therefore appropriate articles are in the Warrant for your action at this Town Meeting. More detailed information will be available for your review prior to March 8.

The Board of Selectmen has done its best to keep Bow running smoothly and efficiently and the Board hopes you agree that we have succeeded. The whole Town must be considered at all times; not just one department or one resident.

Ira R. Evans
Carroll W. French
Ronald J. Askin

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Land	\$17,345,086.00
Buildings	27,710,850.00
Factory Buildings	6,159,400.00
Public Water Utility (Privately owned water supply serving public).	84,000.00
Public Utilities	
Gas	313,600.00
Electric:	
Concord Electric Co. — 968,150.00	
Public Service Co. — 79,228,784.00	80,196,934.00
Boats	44,300.00

TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED
\$131,854,170.00

Exemptions:

Public Service Co. Air Pollution	3,187,347.00
Elderly Exemptions (32).	230,000.00
Blind Exemption (1).	5,000.00
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	\$ 3,422,347.00

NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED
\$128,431,823.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Net Town Appropriations	\$ 555,395.11
Net School Appropriations	1,302,569.02
County Tax Assessment	281,342.92
Total (Town, School and County)	2,139,307.05
Deduct: Total Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	113,793.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits.	18,100.00
Add: Overlay	24,138.30
Property Taxes to be raised	2,067,752.35

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Gross Property Taxes	2,067,752.35
Less: War Service Tax Credits.	18,100.00
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	2,049,652.35

Tax Rate — Town 0.44, School 0.96, County 0.21
Total 1.61 per hundred Based on Assessable Valuation of \$128,431,823.00

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Bow, New Hampshire 03301

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books and records of the Town of Bow, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976, and have prepared the attached exhibits and schedules in conformity with the recommended format prescribed by the Municipal Services Division of the State of New Hampshire. Included in the examination were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Baker Free Library, and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheet — December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976:
(Exhibit A-1)

A comparative balance sheet disclosing the financial condition of the general fund as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976 is presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the current surplus of the Town increased by \$66,893 in 1976, from \$261,815 at December 31, 1975 to \$328,708 at December 31, 1976.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in current financial condition of the Town is contained in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Increase in Current Surplus:		
Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4)		\$136,893
Decrease in Current Surplus:		
Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate		70,000
Net Increase in Current Surplus		\$ 66,893

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures — Estimated and Actual Revenue: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)

Comparative Statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and

actual revenue for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$110,101. plus a revenue surplus of \$26,792. resulted in a net budget surplus of \$136,893.

OTHER FUNDS AND OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS

The accompanying supplemental exhibits covering segregated funds and the accounts of those officials entrusted with the custody, receipt or expenditure of Town funds, are presented in accordance with the current requirements of the Municipal Services Division of the State of New Hampshire. Although not considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements and results of operations, our examination of these accounts included the same tests and auditing procedures applied in the examination of the aforementioned financial statements. In our opinion, these exhibits are stated fairly in all material respects when considered in conjunction with the financial statements taken as a whole.

We extend our thanks to the officials and the office staff of the Town of Bow for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

Plodzik and Sanderson

AUDITOR'S OPINION

We have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bow, New Hampshire for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Bow, New Hampshire at December 31, 1976 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Plodzik and Sanderson

EXHIBIT A-1
TOWN OF BOW
 General Fund
 Comparative Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976

ASSETS	December 31, 1975	December 31, 1976
Cash:		
General Fund	\$1,113,692	\$1,133,350
Petty Cash Fund	100	100
In Hands of Town Clerk		360
Yield Tax Security Deposits	690	6,411
Contractors Escrow Deposits	45,925	12,959
	\$1,160,407	\$1,153,180
Capital Reserve Funds	74,194	78,235
Long-Term Debt Authorized – Unissued		365,000
Accounts Due Town:		
From State of New Hampshire:		
Rent – State Police	175	175
Gas Tax Refunds	865	
From Federal Agencies:		
Governors Commission on Crime and Delinquency	1,186	
From Others:		
Bow School District	915	1,771
	3,141	1,946
Taxes Receivable:		
Property Taxes	84,041	100,289
Resident Taxes	2,550	1,990
Yield Taxes	529	
Tax Liens	2,360	5,247
	89,480	107,526
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,327,222	\$1,705,887

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	December 31, 1975	December 31, 1976
Liabilities and Reserves:		
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$24,190	\$41,310
Unremitted Payroll Deductions Payable		2,938
Due Tax Collector — Overremittance	769	
Due State of New Hampshire: 2% Bond and Debt Retirement Tax		88
Unexpended Balance of Non-Revenue Appropriation		365,000
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	67,585	67,609
School District Assessment Payable	852,054	802,569
Contractors Escrow Deposits	45,925	12,959
Yield Tax Security Deposits	690	6,411
Capital Reserve Funds	74,194	78,235
Sub-Division Appeal Deposits		60
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$1,065,407	\$1,377,179
Current Surplus	261,815	328,708
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	\$1,327,222	\$1,705,887

See Notes to Financial Statements

EXHIBIT A-3 TOWN OF BOW

General Fund

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

	Encumbered From 1975	Appropriations 1976	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1976	— Balances — Unexpended Overdrafts	Encumbrances
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
General Government:							
Town Officers' Salaries		66,185		66,185	63,668	2,517	
Town Office Administrative Expenses		17,955	879	18,834	16,782	2,052	
Election and Registration Expenses		2,586		2,586	2,537	49	
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance		53,102	864	53,966	50,547	3,419	
Municipal Audit		1,000		1,000	1,070		70
Protection of Persons and Property:							
Police Department		98,886	1,324	100,210	96,623	3,587	
Fire Department		53,985	105	54,090	50,783	3,307	
Insurance		26,120		26,120	21,361	4,759	
Planning and Zoning		3,420	299	3,719	1,640	2,079	
Care of Trees		100		100	100		
Civil Defense		25		25		25	
Conservation Commission		870	5,000	5,870	5,410	460	
Health and Sanitation:							
Health Department, Including Hospitals		2,621		2,621	2,498	123	
Town Dump		27,075		27,075	20,540	3,090	3,445
Highways and Bridges:							
Town Road Aid		1,098		1,098	1,098		
Town Maintenance		88,500	1,413	89,913	89,052	861	1,099
Street Lights		14,000		14,000	15,099		
General Expenses of Highway Department		113,995	29,401	143,396	111,394	32,002	
Libraries		23,635		23,635	23,635		

	Encumbered From 1975	Appropriations 1976	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1976	Unexpended	– Balances – Overdrafts	Encumbrances
Public Welfare:								
Old Age Assistance		12,000		12,000	5,386	6,614		
Town Poor		3,100	10	3,110	1,317	1,793		
Patriotic Purposes		6,500		6,500	82	6,418		
Recreation		15,690	1,811	17,501	15,425	2,076		
Public Service Enterprises:								
Cemeteries		3,785		3,785	4,018		233	
Unclassified:								
Damages and Legal Expenses		3,000		3,000	2,264	736		
Retirement and Social Security		24,000		24,000	18,958	2,042		3,000
Advertising and Regional Associations		2,460		2,460	2,449	11		
Contingency Fund		5,000		5,000		5,000		
Debt Service:								
Interest on Debt:								
Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000		10,000	3,190	6,810		
Capital Outlay:								
State Aid Construction – Town's Share	10,000	15,000		25,000				25,000
Dry Bridge (Article 15 – 1970)	9,865			9,865				9,865
Town Construction – Highways	4,325			4,325	2,584	1,741		
Highway Equipment		24,990		24,990	24,990			
Land Acquisition (Upton Property)		135,000		135,000	135,000			
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 24,190	\$ 855,683	\$41,106	\$ 920,979	\$ 789,500	\$ 91,571	\$1,402	\$ 41,310
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:								
County Tax		281,343		281,343	281,343			
School District Assessment	852,054	1,302,569		2,154,623	1,352,054			802,569
Overlay (Abatements and Refunds)		24,138		24,138	4,206	19,932		
Totals	\$876,244	\$2,463,733	\$41,106	\$3,381,083	\$2,427,103	\$111,503	\$1,402	\$843,879

EXHIBIT A-2
TOWN OF BOW
 General Fund

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Current Surplus – December 31, 1976	\$328,708	
Current Surplus – December 31, 1975	261,815	
Increase in Current Surplus		\$66,893

Analysis of Change

Increase in Current Surplus:		
Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4)	\$136,893	
Decrease in Current Surplus:		
Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate	70,000	
Net Increase		\$66,893

EXHIBIT A-4 **TOWN OF BOW**

General Fund

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenue and Budget Summary **Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976**

SOURCE	Revenue		Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual		
From Local Taxes:				
Current Year:				
Property	\$2,049,652	\$2,051,166	\$ 1,514	\$
Resident	19,940	20,690	750	
Yield	3,022	3,022		
National Bank Stock	175	133		42
Prior Years:				
Resident		440	440	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,500	3,039	539	
Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate	70,000	70,000		
From Federal Sources:				
Revenue Sharing	46,940	46,940		
From State of New Hampshire:				
Interest and Dividends Tax	13,571	13,571		
Savings Bank Tax	4,321	4,321		
Meals and Rooms Tax	19,781	22,077	2,296	
Business Profits Tax	113,793	113,793		
Highway Subsidy	19,236	19,236		
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	75,000	87,987	12,987	
Dog Licenses	1,240	1,534	294	
Business Licenses, Permits and Fees	4,500	7,327	2,827	
Interest on Investments	14,562	14,563	1	
Rent of Town Property	4,300	5,031	731	
Income From Trust Funds	1,200	1,272	72	
Other Income		4,383	4,383	
Totals	\$2,463,733	\$2,490,525	\$26,834	\$42

Budget Summary

Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	\$111,503		
Overdrafts of Appropriations	1,402		
Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations		\$110,101	
Actual Revenue	\$2,490,525		
Estimated Revenue	2,463,733		
Revenue Surplus		26,792	
Net Budget Surplus			\$136,893

EXHIBIT C-1 **TOWN OF BOW**

Summary of Warrants Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

—DR.—	1976	Levies Of:	
		1975	Prior Years
Uncollected Taxes — December 3, 1975:			
Property	\$	\$83,994	\$47
Resident		2,520	30
Yield		529	
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property	2,048,682		
Resident	19,940		
Yield	3,627		
National Bank Stock	133		
Added Taxes:			
Property	2,484		
Resident	750	440	
Interest Collected	20	2,499	
Penalties Collected	52	265	1
Total Debits	\$2,075,688	\$90,247	\$78
—CR.—			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$1,948,625	\$83,877	\$
Resident Taxes	18,090	2,690	10
Yield Taxes	3,627	529	
National Bank Stock Taxes	133		
Interest	20	2,499	
Penalties	52	265	1
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	2,252	117	47
Resident Taxes	610	270	20
Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1976			
Property	100,289		
Resident	1,990		
Total Credits	\$2,075,688	\$90,247	\$78

EXHIBIT C-2 TOWN OF BOW

Summary of Tax Sale Accounts Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

		Levies Of:	
	1975	1974	Prior Years
—DR.—			
Unredeemed Taxes — December 31, 1975	\$	\$2,137	\$223
Tax Sale of June 3, 1976	4,810		
Interest and Costs Collected			
After Sale	127	69	6
Total Debits	\$4,937	\$2,206	\$229
—CR.—			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$1,142	\$ 746	\$ 35
Interest and Costs	127	69	6
Unredeemed Taxes — December 31, 1976	3,668	1,391	188
Total Credits	\$4,937	\$2,206	\$229

EXHIBIT D TOWN OF BOW

Statement of Town Clerk's Account Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

—DR.—			
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:			
1975	\$1,386		
1976	86,820		
		\$88,206	
Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected		1,534	
Motor Vehicle Title Fees		858	
Filing Fees		11	
Total Debits			\$90,609
—CR.—			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$87,850		
Dog Licenses and Penalties	1,534		
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	854		
Filing Fees	11		
		\$90,249	
Cash on Hand			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 356		
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	4		
		360	
Total Credits			\$90,609

See Notes To Financial Statements

RECORD OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Bow, N.H., March 2, 1976

The annual town meeting for the legal voters for the town of Bow was called to order by the moderator, Horace Bailey, at 8:10 P.M. at Bow Memorial School. The polls had been open from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for the voting of town and school officers, also special articles. Bow Cadettes were color bearers, all present saluted the flag. Mention was made thanking the Bow History Committee for much time and effort for completing the Town History. Ira Evans spoke of the work of Halstead Colby presenting him with a plaque. The next hour was used for discussion of Article 3 in the warrant concerning the purchase of the Upton land. We then voted by ballot. The moderator announced the results of ballot of officers.

- Selectman for three years Ronald J. Askin
- Town Clerk Virginia F. Abbott
- Treasurer. Joan P. Lyford
- Two members of Budget Committee
for three years. Edward B. Furber
Richard D. Hanson
- Library Trustee. William Maynard
- Trustee of Trust Funds. Morris C. Foote, Sr.
- Water Commissioner. Wilfred Ives
- Sewer Commissioner. Thomas G. Gallagher

Article 2: The results of the vote on the Zoning ordinance amendments were as follows:

- 1. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment #1 to the town zoning ordinance as proposed by petition of the voters for this town? (The Planning Board recommended disapproval)
Yes 137 No 590

Article: Amend the zoning ordinance and map by changing Lots #49, 90, and 91 in Block #1 located in the area of Grandview Road and Valley Road from R-residential to C-commercial.

- 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment #2 to the town zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

Amend Article XIV Special Exception Uses, Section 14.06 (e) Conditions and Limitations for Removing Soil Materials.
Yes 392 No 280

Article 3: The result of the vote on the Upton land was as follows:

Yes 335 No 92

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment #1 to the town building regulations as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

Amend the town building regulations to adopt the BOCA Basic Building Code, Sixth Edition, 1975, as amended, and the One and Two Family Dwelling Code, Second Edition, 1975 as amended.

Yes 384 No 293

Article 5. Expanded Elderly Exemptions: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43-b and 43-c for expanded exemptions on real estate which provide for a resident sixty-five years of age up to seventy-five, a five thousand dollar exemption; a resident seventy-five years of age up to eighty, a ten thousand dollar exemption; a resident eighty years of age or older, a twenty thousand dollar exemption, provided that the resident owns the real estate individually or jointly with another or his spouse with whom he has been living for at least five years as man and wife; said resident had a net income of less than seven thousand dollars or combined income with spouse of less than nine thousand dollars; and owns assets of any kind, tangible or intangible, less bona fide encumbrances, not in excess of thirty-five thousand dollars?

Yes 652 No 85

Article 6: Shall the provisions of an act entitled "An act prohibiting hunting with a high powered rifle in a specified portion of the Town of Bow" passed at the 1975 Session of the Legislature be adopted?

Yes 568 No 168

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to adopt the following Dog Control Ordinance: The Town of Bow hereby ordains as follows:

Any dog found running at large outside the limits of its owner's property and not under the owner's control or supervision within the Town of Bow will be impounded.

The word "owner" as used in this ordinance shall mean a person who owns or keeps a dog.

The owner of any impounded dog, when known, may retrieve said dog upon payment to the Town of Bow a fee of \$5. for the impounding and an additional charge of \$5. per day that said dog is confined by the Bow Police Department.

In the event that the owner of any impounded dog is unknown, the description of said dog will be advertised. If the owner is found, the same fees and charges must be paid as well as any additional cost caused by the advertising before said dog is released to the owner. If the owner cannot be determined after ten days' confinement, the dog will be hu-

manely disposed of by the Bow Police Department.

This ordinance shall take effect 60 days after passage.

Yes 402 No 341

Article 8: It was moved and seconded to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 9: It was moved and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ an accounting firm of its choice to audit the Town accounts.

Article 10: It was moved and seconded to accept the income from Cemetery Trust Funds for the year 1975 and apply such income toward the maintenance of cemeteries.

Article 11: It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred seven dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$607.68) for the continuation of services to low income residents of Bow through the Concord Area Center of the Community Action Program, Belknap Merrimack Counties, Inc. (Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 12: It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, ninety-eight dollars and eleven cents (\$1,098.11) for Town Road Aid Construction; the State to furnish the amount of seven thousand three hundred twenty dollars and seventy-two cents (\$7,320.72) to be expended on Brown Hill Road. (Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 13: It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to improve the construction of the public highway known as Wood Hill Road, the State to furnish an equal amount. (Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 14: It was voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Capitol Reserve Fund for Replacement of Highway Equipment. (Not recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 15: It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for highway equipment as follows:

Dump truck with plow and wing	\$25,000.00
Used Vibratory roller	5,000.00

and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972. (Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 16: It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars (\$4,550.00) to replace a Police Cruiser and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972. (Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 17: It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$17,500.00) for the purpose of completing the new fire tank truck by purchase of a new 2000 gallon tank, pump and body, with the necessary appurtenances therefor, and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount required for the purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972. (Recommended by Budget Committee)

Article 18: it was moved and seconded to wait until next articles were voted on to decide on budget figure.

Article 19: It was moved and seconded to continue membership in the Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board and to authorize the Selectmen to continue the appointments of a Special Advisory Committee of three members to serve on said Board.

Article 20: It was moved and seconded to authorize the use of the community buildings by all local organizations and clubs, such as the Bow Community Men's Club, Boy Scouts and Ladies Auxiliary, as scheduling may permit at an annual cost not to exceed \$10.00 for all uses. (By petition)

Article 21: It was moved and seconded not to accept the following:

To see if the Town will vote to establish the following Schedule of rental fees for all community organizations using the Community Building.

- 1. For all adult community organizations
 - Regularly scheduled meetings, including use of kitchen facilities. \$1.00 per use
- 2. For all adult fund raising activities
 - Main hall. \$10.00 per use
 - Kitchen facilities 5.00 per use
- 3. For all junior organizations 1.00 per use
- 4. For all junior fund raising activities
 - Main hall. 5.00 per use
 - Kitchen facilities 2.50 per use

Article 22: It was moved and seconded to authorize the use of Town owned chairs and tables by non profit Bow organizations in their fund raising and service activities located within the Town. (By petition)

Article 23: It was moved and seconded not to elect Planning Board members at the next regular Town Meeting.

Article 24: It was moved and seconded not to designate as a scenic road the road known as Branch Londonderry Turnpike between White Rock Hill Road on the south and Parcel 91-C, Block 4 at the northerly end of said road, distance of approximately 1.25 miles.

Article 18: It was moved and seconded to accept the budget as written, \$860,793.11.

Article 25: It was moved and seconded, after much discussion, not to release and discharge conditions written into the former Virgin property deed.

Article 26: It was moved and seconded to accept reports as written in the Town Report.

Moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

A true copy of record, attest
Virginia F. Abbott, Town Clerk

UPTON PROPERTY SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

At the March 2, 1976 Town Meeting, the Town, by a 335 to 92 vote, voted to purchase 1000 acres more or less of land from the Upton Estates for a price not to exceed \$500,000. to be paid as follows:

The first payment not to exceed \$145,000. upon delivery of the deed and the remainder to be paid in two equal payments on or before May 1, 1977 and May 1, 1978, with interest at the rate of 5% per year on the unpaid balance.

Upon delivery of the deed in September, 1976, the Town made its first payment of \$135,000. This left \$365,000 to be paid in two equal payments in 1977 and 1978.

A payment of \$182,500. will be paid before May 1, 1977 plus 5% interest on \$365,000. The final payment in 1978 will be \$182,500. plus 5% interest.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

as of December 31, 1976

	Land	Buildings	Contents	Total
1. Town Hall	7,000.00	10,000.00	1,000.00	18,000.00
2. Municipal Building	10,000.00	115,000.00	10,000.00	135,000.00
3. Sargent Park	5,000.00	-----	-----	5,000.00
4. Community Building	10,000.00	89,000.00	5,000.00	104,000.00
5. Library	10,000.00	196,000.00	10,000.00	216,000.00
6. Highway Garage	10,000.00	50,000.00	80,000.00	140,000.00
7. Fire Department	-----	-----	175,000.00	175,000.00
8. Police Department	-----	-----	10,000.00	10,000.00
9. Cemeteries	10,000.00	-----	-----	10,000.00
10. Town Pound	1,000.00	-----	-----	1,000.00
11. Bow Center School	3,000.00	8,000.00	-----	11,000.00
12. Dump Site	7,000.00	1,500.00	-----	8,500.00
13. Lot - Clinton St. (Banks)	3,000.00	-----	-----	3,000.00
14. Lot - Albin Rd. (Derosia)	7,000.00	-----	-----	7,000.00
15. Lot - Wood Hill Rd. (Tenney)	5,000.00	-----	-----	5,000.00
16. Lot - River Rd.	10,000.00	-----	-----	10,000.00
17. Lot - No. Bow (Pirie)	5,000.00	-----	-----	5,000.00
18. Town Forest (Br. Turnpike)	5,000.00	-----	-----	5,000.00
19. Lot - Br. Turnpike	3,000.00	-----	-----	3,000.00
20. Acreage Br. Turnpike (Marshall)	10,000.00	5,000.00	-----	15,000.00
21. Lot - off 3-A	800.00	-----	-----	800.00
22. Acreage - Grandview Rd.	500.00	-----	-----	500.00
23. Memorial School	18,000.00	2,060,000.00	304,000.00	2,382,000.00
24. School Forest	13,000.00	-----	-----	13,000.00
25. Acreage (Upton Property)	325,000.00	-----	-----	325,000.00
Totals	478,300.00	2,534,500.00	595,000.00	3,607,800.00

LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Authorized By Vote of the Town of Bow, New Hampshire
Passed on the 2nd Day of March, 1976

Amount	No.	Date	Date Due	Bank
\$250,000.00	1	9/1/76	12/10/76	Bank of N.H.
125,000.00	2	11/9/76	12/17/76	Bank of N.H.

Paid in full on December 16, 1976

REVENUE SHARING FUND

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Fund Balance — January 1, 1976	\$67,736.10
Add Revenue	
Entitlement Payments	\$42,328.00
Interest Earned	4,635.00
	46,963.73
Total Amount Available	114,699.83
Less Expenditures:	
1975 Highway Equipment	151.49
Highway Equipment	24,990.00
Police Cruiser	4,450.00
Fire Truck Tank	17,500.00
Total Obligations Incurred	47,091.49
Fund Balance — December 31, 1976	67,608.34

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

Cash on Hand January 1, 1976

\$1,113,691.59

Receipts:

1975 Property Tax	83,877.02
1976 Property Tax	1,948,626.92
National Bank Stock	133.25
Yield Tax	4,156.33
1975 Resident Tax	2,730.00
1976 Resident Tax	18,060.00
Interest and Penalties	3,035.75
Tax Sales Redeemed	1,923.98

State of New Hampshire

Highway Subsidy	19,236.46
Business Profit Tax	113,793.24
Bank Tax	4,321.41
Interest and Dividends	13,571.47
Meals and Rooms Tax	22,077.05

Revenue Sharing & Interest	46,963.73
Dog Licenses	1,534.00
Pistol Permits	126.00
Building Permits	6,103.33
Explosive Permit	6.00
Beano Licenses	25.00
Filing Fees	11.00

Rent of Town Property

Community Building	656.00
Municipal Building	4,175.00
Town Hall	25.00

Interest on Deposits	14,562.51
Income from Trust Funds	1,272.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	87,849.66
Certificate of Title Applications	854.00

Income from Departments

Cemeteries	1,045.00
Police Department	
Dog Revenue	289.50
Police Insurance Reports	102.00
Bicycle Registration	110.00
Highway Department	760.10
Sale of Bow Histories	2,089.49

Sale of Maps, Zoning Regulations,	
Code Books and Checklists	216.50
Subdivision Lot Fees	334.00
Sale of Town Property	
Insulation	13.76
Dry Hydrant	165.00
Appeal Deposits	840.00
Refunds	
Telephone Calls	7.66
Map Folders	8.30
Gasoline	195.00
U.S. Treasury Taxes	109.17
Copier	352.35
Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	88.18
Bus Expenses	10,236.44
Advertising	87.00
Insurance Claims	1,356.54
Fire Department	104.82
Gasoline Tax	3,396.46
Town Road Aid	11,737.56
Sealing Roads	3,405.06
Conservation Commission	5,000.00
BOCA Sales (Code Books)	214.50
Recreation Department	1,836.14
Welfare Meeting	10.00
Planning Board Saving Account	83.42
Police Brochures	60.00
Police Training School	300.00
1975 Credits	3,141.41
Bank of N.H. — Loans	
in Anticipation of Taxes	375,000.00
Total Receipts	\$3,936,093.06
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	2,802,743.34
Cash on Hand December 31, 1976	1,133,349.72

Joan P. Lyford, Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1976**

Categories

1. Salaries and Wages
2. Outside Services
3. Communications
4. Supplies
5. Equipment Costs
6. Fuel and Utilities
7. Insurance
8. Unclassified
9. New Equipment

I-1 Town Officers' Salaries

111 Tax Collector and Town Clerk	9,276.80
Selectmen's Secretary	7,528.80
Administrative Assistant	16,421.34
Town Engineer and Building Inspector	15,912.24
112 Assistant Tax Collectors	2,832.62
Bookkeeper	3,515.36
Records Clerk	4,028.23
Health Officer	<u> </u>
Budget Committee Secretary	141.30
113 Selectmen	3,300.00
Treasurer	600.00
Trust Fund Trustees	75.00
Appeals Board Secretary	36.00

63,667.69

I-2 Town Officers' Administrative Expenses

201 Meeting Expenses	68.28
203 Manuals and Directories	546.74
210 Printing	3,482.85
215 Contract for Copier	762.00
228 Property Assessment-update	1,506.24
229 Recording Fees	213.78
261 Equipment Repairs	178.25
281 Advertising	709.45
285 Safe Deposit	25.00
297 Delivering Town Reports	100.00
298 Reports of Boat Ownership	35.19
299 Maps	61.25

310 Telephones.	4,513.07
320 Envelopes and Stamps	1,486.85

402 Supplies.	1,225.90
404 Copier Supplies.	627.40
406 Vouchers, etc.	286.73
408 Dog Tags	145.63

510 Mileage.	261.15
530 Gasoline	344.58
560 Auto Parts and Supplies	201.37

16,781.71

I-3 Election and Registration Expenses

111 Supervisors and Moderator	627.49
112 Selectmen, Ballot Clerks	879.96
112 Police	201.60

210 Checklists and Ballots	304.77
281 Advertising.	70.50
283 Meals	310.00

402 Supplies	17.85
446 Voting Booths.	124.43

2,536.60

I-4 Bow Center School

212 Building Improvements and Repairs	661.90
215 Contract Services	946.00

1,607.90

I-5, Town Hall Expenses

610 Electricity.	32.52
620 Bottled Gas.	115.22

147.74

I-5 Municipal Building

111 Custodian	8,942.15
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223 Engineering Fees	271.15
245 Building Repairs and Maintenance.	6,002.67
266 Tools and Minor Equipment Repairs.	61.45
305 Fire Alarm	113.75

411 Flags	26.52
413 Paint.	146.24
441 Building Repair Supplies.	279.39
443 Supplies for Grounds	78.94
483 Custodial Supplies	402.99

510 Mileage.	107.28
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610 Electricity	2,117.52
620 Natural Gas	3,905.59

900 Typewriter Stand	50.00
2 Machine Stands	180.00
4 Drawer File	800.00
Blueprint Cabinet	240.85
Voucher Cabinet	130.10
912 4 Side Chairs.	240.00
1 Secretary Chair.	65.00
4 Office Clocks	51.96

24,213.55

I-5 Community Building

213 Building Repairs	4,389.94
215 Contract Services	414.66
266 Tools and Minor Equipment Repair	273.60
284 Lease of Radio Tower Land	25.00
411 Flags	53.04
413 Paint.	192.68
441 Building Repair Materials.	376.32
461 Replace Equipment.	619.29
483 Cleaning and Toilet Supplies.	552.42
484 Lamp Bulbs and Fuses	26.35

610 Electricity	2,787.80
620 Natural Gas	69.13
640 Fuel Oil	6,025.86

15,806.09

I-5 Highway Garage—Whiterock Hill Road

215 Contract Services	803.65
305 Fire Alarm	113.75
441 Building Materials	3,311.51
462 Tools	346.36
483 Custodial Supplies	93.16

610 Electricity	953.25
640 Fuel Oil	2,612.63

900 Battery Charger	241.71
Wheel Jack	295.47

8,771.49

I-6 Employee's Retirement and Social Security—Town Share

810 Retirement	8,573.15
810 Social Security	10,384.49

18,957.64

I-7 Contingency Fund	_____	_____
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I-8 Audit

820 State Tax Commission	1,069.62
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1,069.62

II-1 Police Department

111 Permanent Officers	37,858.13
111 Permanent Dispatchers	32,793.69
112 Part Time Secretary and Dispatchers	3,309.07
122 Special Officers	7,462.86
122 Dog Officer	515.70

201 Dues and Meetings	62.00
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210 Printing	83.25
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320 Postage	30.82
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340 Radios and Repairs	900.69
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402 Office Supplies	154.89
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403 Photo Supplies	122.75
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464 Uniforms and Clothing	703.04
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480 Dog Expenses	204.70
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485 Special Police Department Supplies	24.00
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488 Bicycle Licenses	116.00
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530 Gasoline	4,794.47
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531 Oil and Grease	156.94
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550 Tires	677.40
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551 Batteries	128.13
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570 Cruiser Parts and Repairs	1,349.21
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912 Office Equipment	400.00	
915 Replace '74 Cruiser	4,450.00	
933 Automotive Equipment	100.26	
934 Radio Equipment.	225.50	
		96,623.50

II-2 Fire Department

111 Permanent Salary	7,566.40	
112 Chief's Salary	2,120.00	
123 Department Salaries	8,305.32	

201 Dues, Membership and Meetings	273.00	
202 Training Schools	206.00	
203 Subscriptions and Periodicals.	12.00	
234 Servicing Extinguishers	144.60	

310 Woodhill Line Telephone	206.50	
340 Radios and Repairs	3,397.78	

413 Paint	25.00	
449 Miscellaneous Supplies	70.75	
464 Uniforms and Clothing.	535.59	
466 Fire Hose and Fittings.	2,042.16	
468 Special Fire Equipment.	2,946.02	
484 Lamps and Flashlights.	21.60	
486 Special Fire Department Supplies.	277.30	
489 Food and Drink (not meals)	10.00	
499 All Other Expenses	164.17	

530 Gasoline	481.60	
531 Oil and Grease.	3.60	
540 Automotive Parts	1,663.40	
550 Tires	491.28	
551 Batteries	35.00	
560 Chief's Car.	197.80	
570 Outside Repairs	2,086.25	

932 Tank for New Truck	17,500.00	
		50,783.12

II-3 Conservation Commission

112 Part-Time Salary	308.95	
201 Dues, Membership and Meetings.	50.00	
202 Training Programs.	70.00	
215 Contact Services.	75.00	

223 Engineering Fees	100.00	
299 Maps	41.75	
320 Postage	26.00	
420 Supplies.	15.87	
950 Land Acquisition.	14,722.31	
		15,409.88

II-4 Insurance

730 Motor Vehicles	1,071.00	
750 Officers Bonds	472.00	
760 Workman's Compensation	6,813.00	
765 Accident Insurance.	477.75	
770 Life and Disability.	3,901.18	
775 Blue Cross—Blue Shield	4,787.88	
780 Special Multi Peril.	3,837.80	
		21,360.61

II-5 Planning Board

112 Salaries	385.75	
229 Recording Fees	55.00	
230 Planning and Consultant Fees	8.00	
320 Postage	200.88	
402 Supplies.	77.17	
912 Equipment.	151.48	
		878.28

II-5 Zoning Board of Adjustment

112 Salaries	470.78	
261 Equipment Repairs	12.50	
281 Advertising.	115.50	
320 Postage	125.70	
402 Supplies.	37.60	
		762.08

II-6 Damage and Legal Expense

295 Legal Service.	2,264.59	
		2,264.59

II-8 Blister Rust Control		
215 Contract Service.	100.00	
		100.00
III-1 Health and Sanitation		
321 Concord Hospital	646.00	
449 Miscellaneous Supplies.	14.38	
830 Visiting Nurse Association Contribution.	1,838.22	
		2,498.60
III-2 Town Dump		
112 Salaries	2,116.62	
215 Contract Services	14,924.00	
215 Concord Contract	3,445.20	
610 Electricity	54.65	
		20,540.47
IV-1 Town Maintenance Payroll		
111 Permanent Salaries	78,726.38	
115 Part-time Salaries	10,325.77	
		89,052.15
IV-2 Street Lighting		
215 Repair	205.61	
610 Electricity	14,893.96	
		15,099.57
IV-3 General Expense of Highway		
203 Manuals.	30.65	
216 Blasting	988.20	
221 Medical Fees	60.00	
243 Snow Removal and Sanding.	4,787.00	
244 Marking Traffic Lanes.	1,052.17	
266 Tools and Minor Equipment Repairs	111.09	
287 Rental of Equipment	8,127.16	
413 Paint	44.62	
420 Sand and Gravel	2,160.20	
421 Salt	15,494.16	
422 Cold Patch.	2,329.43	

423 Liquid Asphalt	22,416.94	
424 Drainage Materials	4,379.20	
425 Hot Asphalt Mix	2,268.82	
426 Grade Stakes	6.90	
441 Building Materials	69.98	
445 Traffic Control Supplies	467.70	
462 Hand Tools and Minor Equipment	186.19	
464 Uniforms and Clothing	34.80	
470 Landscaping Materials	387.50	
530 Gasoline	15,624.66	
531 Grease and Oil	1,200.84	
532 Diesel Oil	1,323.80	
550 Tires	1,912.37	
560 Auto Parts and Supplies	6,264.09	
561 Plow Blades and Parts	2,465.14	
562 Steel and Iron	42.10	
563 Tire Chains	978.20	
570 Outside Repairs to Equipment	3,076.19	
612 Torch Gases	297.80	
Refunded Bus Parts	2,127.78	
		100,715.38
IV-4 Town Road Aid		
820 State of New Hampshire	1,098.11	
		1,098.11
IV-5 Resurfacing		
420 Sand	300.00	
423 Liquid Asphalt	9,118.93	
520 Equipment Rental	1,260.00	
		10,678.93
V-1 Library		
820 Appropriation	23,635.00	
		23,635.00
VI-1 Public Welfare		
215 Community Action Program	607.68	
235 Welfare	709.36	
		1,317.04

VI-2 Old Age Assistance		
235 Welfare	4,014.85	
820 Old Age Assistance	1,370.98	5,385.83
VII-2 Bisesquicentennial Committee		
212 Building Improvements.	61.65	
499 Unclassified	20.00	81.65
VIII-1 Recreation, Parks and Playgrounds		
111 Permanent Salary	7,711.76	
112 Part-time Salaries	2,379.92	
114 Bus Driver.	72.00	
201 Dues and Memberships, Meetings	227.50	
210 Printing.	153.00	
242 Mowing.	193.44	
243 Snow Removal.	25.00	
245 Repairs and Maintenance to Grounds	221.39	
281 Advertising	96.00	
286 Film Rental	365.50	
320 Postage	48.00	
402 Office Supplies	276.12	
403 Photo Supplies	43.86	
443 Materials for Grounds	65.48	
481 First Aid Supplies	31.95	
487 Special Recreation Supplies	1,328.51	
510 Mileage	431.28	
530 Gasoline	193.30	
912 Office Furniture	105.75	
Refund Expense	1,455.38	15,425.14
IX-1 Cemeteries		
111 Salaries	2,357.76	
215 Mapping	938.62	
226 Tools and Minor Equipment Repairs	361.50	

291 Flowers	38.30	
411 Flags	69.74	
462 Hand Tools and Minor Equipment	136.02	
515 Mower Parts	116.11	4,018.05
IX-2 Advertising and Regional Associations		
201 Central N.H. Regional Planning Commission . .	1,723.00	
N.H. Municipal Association	595.52	
N.H. Tax Collectors	10.00	
N.H. City and Town Clerks	10.00	
N.H. Association of Assessing Officials	10.00	
Building Officials	100.00	2,448.52
X Interest on Temporary Loans		
860 Bank of New Hampshire	3,190.11	3,190.11
XI-1 Capital Outlay—New Highway Equipment		
933 Automotive Equipment (Truck)	24,990.00	24,990.00
XI-2 State Aid Construction		
820 State of New Hampshire	_____	_____
XI-3 Town Highway Construction, Johnson Rd.		
425 Hot Asphalt Mix (1975 carry over)	2,584.00	2,584.00
XI-4 Land Acquisition—Upton Property		
	125,000.00	125,000.00
Temporary Loans		
860 Loan Payments Tax Anticipation Notes	375,000.00	375,000.00
Refunds		
890 Board of Adjustment and Planning Board		
Appeal Deposits	480.59	
Motor Vehicle Permits	229.38	

Property Taxes	1,658.75	2,368.72
Taxes Bought by Town.	4,810.38	4,810.38
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
820 State of N.H. Bond and Debt Retirement Tax . . .	604.54	
835 Merrimack County Tax	281,342.92	
840 Bow School District	1,352,053.96	1,634,001.42
Less Social Security Quarterly Payment	2,937.82	2,937.82
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,802,743.34	

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

On this rainy 7th day of December, I have just returned from checking the roads for ice and drainage. During my tour, I felt grateful for the under drainage we have installed in the past few years. Although it was raining very hard, the areas where under drain had been installed, surface water was nil. This results in fewer washouts and less ice buildup.

We are quite satisfied with the completion of our T.R.A. Project on Brown Hill Road. This road should enhance travel for the people who use it.

I am also pleased with the results of our resurfacing program, mainly on Page Road. This encourages us to do more work of this kind in the future.

We have completed construction of our storage shed at the rear of the Highway Garage. Some of our off season tools, as well as tires, etc. are stored there. This gives us more elbow room in the garage.

With these specific projects and our routine work of sealing, drainage work and brush cutting the Highway Crew has kept busy.

Of all the duties the Highway Crew has to perform, the hardest of them all is winter time maintenance. If every storm were the same, or if we could rely on information given by the weather man to be correct, it would be a lot easier. It is quite difficult at times to make the correct judgement as to what move to make.

We have received complaints that we are not getting around with our salt and sand soon enough. The fact of the matter is, by the time we need salt and sand on the roads, we need it everywhere. It is just impossible for three vehicles to cover some 70 miles of road without someone having to wait. Our vehicles are sent out in a manner so as to get our main routes and steepest parts of town first; consequently, some people have to wait for service.

Another fact that most people do not realize is the major role traffic plays in the effectiveness salt and sand has on roads that have but little travel. Sand and salt will lie dormant and look as if none had been applied, which truthfully will have received as much or more than the main streets. Traffic keeps the sand and salt moving resulting in clearing of the road quicker.

In the ensuing year's budget we are asking to buy another diesel powered truck with wing and plow. Instead of trading the old truck, we are asking to keep it and permanently mount a sander for winter use as well as summer time sealing. This will give us that added coverage in need during the winter.

This year for the first time employees of the Town are retiring. Walter Alexander and Oscar Merrill, for a combined total of 38 years, have dedicated themselves to loyal and faithful service to the Town of Bow. I sincerely hope they can enjoy their retirement for many years to come. Thanks Walt and Oscar for a job well done.

Every year the Town grows a little more. This includes additional roads to maintain. We accept this obligation to do the very best we know how without adding much more cost to the taxpayer. With this in mind, we ask for your

patience if at times we seem to be slow.

I wish to thank everyone who has helped us in any way to fulfill our obligations.

Sincerely submitted,

Paul A. Lindquist
ROAD AGENT

ANNUAL REPORT OF BAKER FREE LIBRARY

For all the old and new residents of Bow welcome—

To—Baker Free Library

Where—Bow—509 South Street

When—Winter hours are:

Monday: 2:00-8:00 P.M.

Wednesday: 2:00-6:00 P.M.

Friday: 2:00-6:00 P.M.

Saturday: 2:00-5:00 P.M.

Summer hours—June 1 to October 1

Monday: 2:00-8:00 P.M.

Wednesday: 2:00-6:00 P.M.

Friday: 2:00-9:00 P.M.

For—The best of reading for adults and children; books, magazines, also records.

We have had the greatest and busiest year yet in our library. Circulation was 39,322—a gain of 8,795 from last year. Every week new families come and register.

The staff is as follows:

Mrs. Helen Robinson

Mrs. Virginia Brown

Mrs. Rose Drescher

We are ready and willing to serve you at all times. We would appreciate knowing what books and subjects you are interested in.

In May we had a repair work shop for nearby libraries—16 members. Mrs. Helen Robinson of our staff demonstrated how to properly mend books. Each visitor brought a book to mend.

The Bow Women's Club have tried a new experiment. Different members conducted story telling for the younger children once a month. It was successful and we hope they will continue in the future.

In June we had three different groups from the third grade visit the library to become acquainted with its contents. We had a tour of the building and showed them how to use it. We hope to encourage the use of our library and make a habit of reading. Some older students did research with us for the bicentennial and wrote reports on their findings.

The State Library Committee was here for two days in September to do their usual viewing of films with an eye for purchasing. Also in September, we entertained the Bow Women's Club at an evening Meeting.

In closing this report, we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Ives for presenting to our reference library a beautiful leather bound copy of our Bow History "One hundred acres more or less."

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K. Howe—Librarian

John W. Chadwick—Chairman of Trustees

**BAKER FREE LIBRARY
FINANCIAL REPORT 1976**

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1976

W. A. Kennedy Memorial Trust	(\$ 1.05)
Library Funds	2,030.17

Income from Trust Funds

Bonds	850.01
Stocks	338.00
Savings Bank Acct.	29.52

Gifts

Walter A. Kennedy Memorial Trust	(143.97)
Use of copier	14.60
Town of Bow Appropriation	23,635.00
Lost a/o damaged books	44.50
Covering Town History & Sale of books	46.50

26,988.30

EXPENDITURES

Salaries

Librarian	2,654.86
Assistants	5,838.01
Janitor	1,184.80
Social Security & Administration	566.10

10,243.77

Books & Magazines	5,342.13
Reference Index & Guides	251.25
L. P. Records	181.97
Electricity	666.86
Telephone Service	177.74
Telephone Alarm	113.75
Library Supplies	592.32
Fuel	1,597.62
Insurance	707.85
Bank Charges	6.10
Rubbish Disposal	50.00
Building Maintenance	824.58

New Equipment & Furnishings	683.40	
Kennedy Trust	(23.70)	
		11,195.75
Balance on hand		
Library Funds	5,548.78	
Kennedy Trust	(121.32)	
		26,988.30

() Indicates not added in totals

John W. Chadwick
Treasurer

**BAKER FREE LIBRARY
INVESTED TRUST FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976**

Bonds		
1 — Georgia Power Co. 8 5/8%	\$5,000.00	
1 — Potomac Electric Power Co. 8 3/8%	5,000.00	
		10,000.00
Stocks		
58 Shares of Manufacturers Hanover Corp.	198.12	
53 Shares of Continental Corp. Common		
6 Shares of Continental Corp. Preferred	147.93	
30 Shares of Conill Corp.	168.29	
Savings Bank Deposit		
New Hampshire Savings Bank No. 170147	550.17	
		\$11,064.51

John W. Chadwick
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS OF

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	Balance	
			Beginning Year	
Mar. 5, 1962	Capital Reserve Fund for Replacement of Town Bldgs. & Reconstr. of Town Bldgs.	2976 Con. Fed Sav. Bk.	6,000.00	
July 5, 1959	Capital Reserve Fund for Replacement of Highway Equipment	5854 Con. Fed. Sav. Bk.		
Aug. 1, 1958	Capital Reserve fund for Replacement of Town Buildings	50857 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank	10,000.00	
April 29, 1958	Capital Reserve Fund for Cemeteries Derived from Sale of Lots	50515 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank	4,975.00	
March 19, 1974	Capital Reserve Fund for the Acquisition of Land for the Fire Station Substation	64342 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank	1,000.00	
Aug. 1, 1958	Capital Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Fire Equipment	50855 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank	1,659.13	
May 9, 1966	Capital Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Highway Equipment	56627 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank	25,000.00	
Aug. 1, 1958	Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Construction	50856 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		
Sept. 8, 1970	Capital Reserve Fund for Replacing Police Department Equipment	60380 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank	1,937.99	
May 9, 1966	Capital Reserve Fund for the Baker Free Library	56626 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank	1,900.00	
Mar. 25, 1958	Capital Reserve Fund for School Buses	50431 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		
Oct. 30, 1974	Capital Reserve Fund for Alterations, Con. of New and Additions to School Bldgs.	64914 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank		
Oct. 30, 1974	Cap. Reserve Fund for Alterations, Constr. of New and Additions to School Bldgs.	5030 Con. Fed. Sav. Bank		
Dec. 3, 1975	Cap. Reserve Fund for Alterations, Constr. of New & Additions to School Bldgs.	1319 Con. Nat'l Bank	100,000.00	
Apr. 30, 1975	Cap. Reserve for Alterations, Constr. of New & Additions to School Bldgs.	301489 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank	40,000.00	
Dec. 3, 1975	Capital Reserve for Alterations, Constr. of New and Additions to School Bldgs.	356 Con. Fed. Sav. Bank	100,000.00	
Apr. 30, 1975	Capital Reserve for Alterations, Constr. of New & Additions to School Bldgs.	310 Con. Fed. Sav. Bank	35,000.00	
Dec. 3, 1975	Capital Reserve for the Acquisition of a Tax Map of Bow	65929 Merr. Cty. Sav. Bank	5,000.00	
	TOTALS		332,472.12	

THE TOWN OF BOW ON DECEMBER 31, 1976

PRINCIPAL			INCOME			
New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
		6,000.00	4,319.08	552.49		4,871.57
			1,200.62	65.60		1,266.22
		10,000.00	6,419.11	897.61		7,316.72
685.00		5,660.00	2,262.98	405.98		2,668.96
		1,000.00	94.74	59.83		154.57
		1,659.13	2,252.52	213.69		2,466.21
		25,000.00	4,327.87	1,600.53		5,928.40
			1,165.88	63.71		1,229.59
		1,937.99	445.98	130.30		576.28
		1,900.00	1,471.02	184.66		1,655.68
			516.57	28.21		544.78
			1,119.89	61.18		1,181.07
			789.96	42.27		832.23
		100,000.00		7,250.40		7,250.40
		40,000.00		4,408.27		4,408.27
		100,000.00	583.34	5,373.55		5,956.89
		35,000.00	1,696.59	1,818.15		3,514.74
		5,000.00		271.95		271.95
685.00		333,157.12	28,666.15	23,428.48		52,094.63

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	ACCT NO.
Oct. 29, 1976	Abbott, Harold & Virginia	Cemetery Lot	Merr. Co. Sav. Bank	66849
July 23, 1976	Bates, John & Bernice	Cemetery Lot	Merr. Co. Sav. Bank	66572
			TOTALS	

TOWN OF BOW – DECEMBER 31, 1976

PRINCIPAL			INCOME			
Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
-----	200.00	200.00	-----	0.98	-----	0.98
-----	200.00	200.00	-----	3.84	-----	3.84
	400.00	400.00	-----	4.82	-----	4.82

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Regular Officers

Chief Philip W. Cantara
Patrolman Peter Cheney
Patrolman Randall Whitehead
Patrolman Ronald F. Sinclair

Special Officers

Deputy Eliot Clemons
Patrolman Richard Bean
Patrolman Harold Geer
Patrolman Frank Bailey
Patrolman Robert Wheeler
Patrolman Gary Cheney
Patrolman Forrest Angwin, Jr.

In the past year the Police Department continued a program of preventive law enforcement in an attempt to minimize accidents by the frequent use of radar on our town roads. Accidents in Bow did not increase until December, when twenty-four accidents occurred mostly because of extremely icy conditions.

Burglaries this year did not increase, therefore the "Bother Us" program must be working. The general public is calling the Police Department on suspicious persons and/or vehicles, and these are being checked out by the Officer on duty.

If possible, the citizens of Bow should be aware of what is going on at his neighbor's home or around him and know the neighbor's habits, such as their day or night working hours; their vehicles; their being away on weekends, and anything else that looks suspicious or out-of-place. "Bother Us;" call the Police Department!

Burglaries in private homes and businesses are not just a problem in Bow, but are ever-growing in New Hampshire and throughout the Nation. Our thanks to the Selectmen and town officials, as well as our residents, for helping us do our job. All residents should feel free to call this Department on the Police phone—228-0511—for information on Police matters.

The Police Department extends its special appreciation to Neil Ordway and the Bow Rescue Squad members for their valuable assistance at accident scenes and other emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip W. Cantara
Chief of Police

DISPATCH CENTER

Police—Fire—Highway—Rescue Squad—Recreation

Steve Hanson
Forrest Angwin, Jr.
Gary Cheney
Jeff Cheney

*Wesley Cook

*part-time

The Dispatch Center is here to serve the public, its citizens, which they do in every capacity imaginable. They are here twenty-four hours a day, year-round.

The Dispatch Center must be familiar with all town functions, including different groups and organizations the town has. They must know all the answers or refer the party to someone who does know. This includes everything from dump hours to where someone can get their swimming pool filled. The list is endless. They receive and record all incoming and outgoing phone calls for the Police, Fire, Recreation, Highway Departments, and Rescue Squad.

These men have done a good job coordinating the following number of departmental telephone and radio calls during the past year:

Incoming Police phone calls	5,764
Fire Department—red phone	512
Community Building phone calls	3,019
Outgoing phone calls	1,315
Recreation Department	768
Total calls	11,378

Please remember, when calling in an EMERGENCY, be as calm as possible and give all the information you can; however, most of all, give the exact LOCATION where help is needed.

On behalf of the Dispatch Center personnel, and myself, I would like to thank all of you for the cooperation given us during this past year.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Cantara, Chief of Police
James R. Goodwin, Fire Chief
Paul A. Lindquist, Road Agent

BOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

	1976	1975	1974
Police Phone—incoming calls	5,764	5,313	4,125
Accidents, Motor Vehicle	85	76	59
personal injury	31	23	8
fatal	1	2	
Accidents, bicycle	1	1	
Emergency Aid	44	21	13
Assist Fire Department	46	38	32
Assist Other Departments	177	72	48
Assist Motorists	347	176	89
Arrests for other Departments	25	24	17
Assault cases	9	5	1
cleared	9	5	1
Escapees returned to N.H. Hospital	6	7	4
False Pretenses	4	4	2
cleared	4	3	2
Fires — suspicious	0	1	2
Fugitive arrests	0	0	2
General Complaints	374	524	459
House Checks — each week	43	41	35
Industry checks — each day	54	48	
Junk Car complaints	17	13	10
Juvenile investigations	20	28	15
Juvenile court	17	11	11
Theft — grand	18	16	13
cleared	4	4	5
Theft — petty	25	45	38
cleared	13	17	13
Littering complaints	6	4	5
cleared	6	4	4
Malicious damage	43	37	35
cleared	21	21	12
Burglary	16	18	15
cleared	8	22	5
Burglary — attempted	22	14	2
Burglary alarm responses	68	89	88
Death Investigations	7	2	4
Dog — general complaints	392	247	133
Restraining orders	8	5	9
killed by auto	6	4	3
warnings	28	13	8
picked up	45		
fines	\$290	--	--

Domestic disturbances	24		
Doors & Windows open	306	171	202
Misdemeanor arrests	8	19	8
Missing persons	9	7	3
Found	9	7	3
Prowler complaints	60	12	2
Stolen vehicles	9	2	3
recovered	9	2	3
Snowmobile complaints	8	10	3
Suspicious persons checked	438	189	73
Motor Vehicle complaints	48		
warnings	293	217	62
defective equipment tags	35	102	180
arrests	140	198	187
Mini-Bike complaints	2	3	5
Obscene Phone calls	22	7	4
Pistol permits/investigations	63	56	30
Explosive permits	5	5	5
Radar checks	7,673	4,351	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1976 your Fire Department made 206 runs as follows:

Alarms.	72
Mutual Aid (outgoing)	23
Mutual Aid (incoming).	3
Medical Emergency	77
Medical Emergency (transports)	42
Service Calls.	22
Fire Investigations (recorded)	1
Alarms (unfounded)	14
Searches	1
Drills	9
X-1 Standby.	1
Total No. of Tones	206

During 1976 we ran into a lot of trouble with new chimneys and wood stoves. The Fire Department will be glad to take a look at any new wood stoves being installed in your home. Your chimney is the most important part of your heat because it extends the complete height of your home. Before having one installed, be sure to get a Building Permit from the Building Inspector, and be sure it is inspected before you use it!

The Bow Fire Department members went to a number of Training Schools in 1976 to bring back more knowledge of up-to-date firefighting to our Town.

June 16th saw the arrival of our new 2000 gallon Tanker Pumper. This truck has proven to be a tremendous asset to the Fire Department. The extra water has made the difference on a number of large fires since we got it.

During the year the Ladies Auxiliary to the Bow Fire Department has done a fine job, selling Bicentennial plates, serving coffee to the Fireman on several occasions along with their many other accomplishments. Their help and donations to the Fire Department have proven to us that an Auxiliary such as ours is something to be proud of, and has not gone unnoticed. Our thanks to them for their dedication.

We are still trying to get new members into the Fire Department who are willing to give up some of their time for a good cause in the Town.

Fire permits for outside burning are required when the ground is not covered with snow. It is important that we all be careful with our outside fires because of the number of acres of land cut off in the last year. If you have a brush pile to burn, contact the Fire Chief for a permit, and do not try to burn between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

We have made a number of Mutual Aid runs out of Town and this has helped in the training of our Pump Operators. All eleven Towns in the Mutual Aid System train together once a month in the different Towns. This gives us the capability of working more closely with the other Towns as a team.

The Annual Report of the Bow Rescue Squad was submitted to me by Director Neil Ordway and Assistant Director Robert Lougee as follows:

Since the inception of the Bow Fire Department Rescue Squad in January of 1976, we have responded to 77 calls with 42 transports to Concord Hospital.

Six members of the Squad are Emergency Medical Technicians, certified by the State of New Hampshire. Sixteen members are certified in advanced First Aid and Emergency Care by the American Red Cross. The majority are certified in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) by The New Hampshire Heart Association. The vehicle and members are licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Goodwin, Fire Chief

**REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	746	294
District	172	125¼
Town	3	1¼

Richard S. Chase
District Fire Chief

James Goodwin
Forest Fire Warden

TOWN ENGINEER AND BUILDING INSPECTOR 1976

During the year 118 building permits were issued for new construction. Of these permits 47 were for new single family homes which represents a 15% increase in this category of permit when compared with 1975 but still represents a 20% decrease when compared with 1974. As agent for the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission 44 sewage disposal systems were inspected and approved for operation.

At the 1976 Annual Town Meeting a new building code based on the Building Officials and Code Administration International, Inc. (BOCA) model codes was adopted. This code for the first time provides the town with a complete and comprehensive set of building standards. The use of this code for the past nine months has been a process of familiarization and education for the building inspector and the builders involved with it. It is apparent that some additional changes to the code are required to make it more compatible with accepted construction in New Hampshire. Recommendations for proposed changes have been provided the Planning Board.

Significant progress has been made in improving the filling system for building permits, parcel index cards, property transfer cards and subdivision plat records. Also during the year 0.35 miles of new subdivision roads were inspected and recommended for acceptance by the Town.

Building Permits		
Number	Class of Construction	Estimated Cost
47	Single Family Homes	\$1,615,650.00
10	Sheds and Barns	13,090.00
9	Residential Garages	42,400.00
2	Commercial Buildings	85,000.00
2	Public Utility Facilities	835,000.00
2	Office Trailers (Temporary)	30,000.00
1	Display Trailer (Temporary)	6,000.00
Additions, Alterations, or Conversions		
34	Residential	55,400.00
2	Commercial	180,500.00
7	Swimming Pools (In-ground)	36,850.00
7	Swimming Pools (Above ground)	1,875.00
<hr/> 118		<hr/>
		\$2,901,765.00
Total Fees Collected: \$6,103.33		

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert T. Ojendyk
Town Engineer and
Building Inspector

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

The B.O.C.A. Building Code which was adopted at the Town Meeting in March, calls for the establishment of a five-member Board of Appeals. Three of these members are to be Registered Professional Engineers (with one being a Structural Engineer), and two members are to be from fields associated with the construction industry. The present members were appointed in April by the Selectmen for terms running from one to five years. In the future, one Board member will be appointed each year for a term of five years.

The duties of the Board are to hear and decide upon appeals to decisions of the Building Inspector, based on three criteria:

- (1) The true intent of the code has been incorrectly interpreted.
- (2) The provisions of the code do not fully apply.
- (3) An equally good or better form of construction can be used.

This year has been an adjusting and learning period, as some provisions of the code require construction details somewhat different from those commonly used in Bow prior to this year.

The Board has heard 17 appeals, and has affirmed the Building Inspector's decision 1 time, modified his decision 3 times, and reversed his decision 13 times.

The Board hired Mrs. Janet Dare on a part-time basis as the Board's Secretary.

In line with current laws, all hearings, meetings, and records of the Board are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Kibby, P.E. Chairman
Maurice R. Nepveu
David J. Hickey, P.E.
James A. Kelso, Jr.
Walter C. Hipp, P.E.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

During 1976, the Board of Adjustment comprised of Chairman William Carpenter, Vice Chairman/Secretary Winfield Robin, Earl Vaughn, Thomas Gallagher, Gerald Upton, Alternate Robert McNichol and Recording Secretary Marjorie Beaulieu.

The Board conducted 13 regular meetings and held 5 scheduled field appraisals of pending appeals during the year. In processing an appeal, an indication that many extra hours had been spent by individual members could be seen by the frequent comment that "oh, yes, I noticed that this or that had been started/added/completed/changed, etc. on parcel "x" or "y" lately."

There were 12 applications for gravel pit operations, 8 applications for variances to certificates of occupancy, 3 requests for yard dimensional variances, 1 request for sign variance, 2 requests for executive decision and other miscellaneous requests for special exception or variance processed during the year. All of these various requests required 4 public hearings.

Invaluable technical assistance was given in the processing of these appeals by the Town Engineer, Robert Ojendyk.

The interest and concern shown by the Townspeople at the Public Hearings in 1976 was gratifying in comparison to a few years ago when no one would be in attendance other than the Board members and the appellant. The Board wishes to thank the Townspeople for their cooperation in the completion of its duties.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Carpenter
Chairman

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

The duties of the Health Officer were rather limited in the year 1976. It consisted of the inspection of one home for use as a day care facility and the reporting of communicable diseases to the State Health Department as received from the School Nurse, Mrs. Ward.

Robert E. Boucher, M.D.
Health Officer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission met fifteen times throughout this past year and has the following to report. The Commission welcomes new members Carol Gouin, Curt Gordon and Dick Rice. We would like to thank the members and families of Franklin Gregory, Carl Sandquist and Ritchie White for their service rendered to the town over the past years.

Frank Gregory, Roy Peaslee and Morris Foote visited the Durham recycling plant where glass, paper and cans are currently being recycled. The highlight of this trip was the composting of garbage and sewerage treatment waste to be used for organic waste. The recycling program ground to a halt with the purchase of the Upton Land. Until such time as the market value of recycleable material increases to where they can be profitably handled, we see no action in the recycling field.

Six Dredge and Fill permits were reviewed. Most controversial were the sodium silicate holding pond for Ionarc Inc. and the First Management & Marketing Corporation proposal to fill "Ma Willie's Pond."

At the October Meeting Martha Pearson reported on the activities of Conservation Camp this past summer.

The major undertaking of this year was the purchase of the Upton Land and initial procedures to use this land. The primary step was the closing with the Uptons which was postponed until an abstract could be compiled. A Special Town Meeting was held to correct the Warrant to allow the town to expend monies for purchase of the land. The Selectmen appointed an Advisory Committee consisting of Cedric Dustin, Jack E. Earle, Morris C. Foote, Sr., William H. Hilton, Paul Lindquist, Gary Nylen, Gerald Upton, Sr. and Alfred Ward to aid us in planning. The James H. Neil Co. surveyed lot #116 Upton land abutting the Town Forest on Branch Londonderry Turnpike. This survey emphasizes the importance of having all the Upton land surveyed to verify boundaries of all parcels. Probably the most important step to be taken on the Upton Land is the formation of a land use designation for each parcel so that Town residents will be able to use each parcel. This must be designated by a vote of the Townspeople. Gail Leighton, senior at the University of New Hampshire, compiled a very helpful report on the Upton Land for her senior practicum.

The other project in limbo is the restoration of the Nichols-Colby Up and Down Sawmill at the outlet of Putney Pond. Initial work has been done in conjunction with the Dunbarton Conservation Commission and the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests.

Respectfully submitted,

Morris C. Foote, Sr., Chairman
Edward Haffer
Faye Johnson, Secretary
Carol Gouin

Curtis O. Gordon
Roy Peaslee
Richard Rice
John Urdi

1976 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOW PLANNING BOARD

This past year the Bow Planning Board continued to focus its attention on some of the broader aspects of the planning process by meeting and coordinating with town departments, boards and commissions. Among these agencies were the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Conservation Commission, the Recreation Department and the newly created Board of Appeals.

The Planning Board also met with the Fire Department to discuss possible locations of substations; with the Water and Sewer Commissioners in regard to the Hall Street sewage plant and sewage district; and with our State Senator and Legislative Representatives to discuss future legislative programs related to planning.

A Board of Appeals was established with the adoption of a revised Building Code. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Map were also approved at Town Meeting. Subdivision activity included the following: two (2) major subdivisions totaling thirteen (13) lots; thirteen (13) minor subdivisions totaling twenty-one (21) lots; four (4) zoning special exception referrals; and four (4) non-residential subdivision site plans were reviewed. Twelve (12) discretionary easements were approved.

Duncan Pearson was nominated to serve on the School Building Advisory Committee and Al Ward was nominated to serve on the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Robert Ojendyk, Building Inspector, and Linda Nylen, Recording Secretary, continued to support the Board administratively.

Respectively submitted,

Michael Blake, Chairman
Bow Planning Board

Members of the Board	Term
Michael Blake, Chairman.	1977
Alfred Ward, Secretary	1978
John Urdi	1978
Alfred Runnals	1979
Robert Dandy	1980
Duncan Pearson	1981
Ronald Askin, Selectman	----

CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

At the end of 1976 and six years of operation, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission had completed several studies of a regional as well as a local assistance nature.

During 1976 the Commission completed the following studies: an historic preservation report listing significant historic sites by community, a community facilities inventory for each community, a study outlining the impact of institutional tax exempt properties within each community. Currently the Commission is preparing a future land use study, a housing needs update study and an economic base study, all from a regional perspective.

In January, the Commission delivered to the Town a set of photographic enlargements which were requested by the Selectmen.

During September and October of 1976 the Commission co-sponsored a series of seminars dealing with the legal aspects of planning. Several officials from Bow attended and the entire series received favorable comment.

In addition, the Commission answered several requests from the Selectmen and Planning Board and provided advice and guidance to the Recreation Committee on the possible uses of specific town-owned lands.

The Commission hopes to be able to continue to serve the needs of its member communities in future years and greatly appreciates the past support of its activities by the Town of Bow.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Kibby
Paul Lindquist
Representatives

LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE BOW FIRE DEPARTMENT 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

During 1976 the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bow Fire Department held ten meetings with an average of thirteen members in attendance. We had an addition of one new member to our organization and one member moved to Florida.

Our activities for the year were as follows:

1. Held our annual Easter and Thanksgiving Basket Raffles
2. Served a supper for the Fire Wardens
3. Participated in Bow's Annual Spring Carnival
4. Provided coffee for firemen at a structure fire
5. Gave monetary gifts to the Fire Department for equipment for the Rescue Squad (i.e. portable resuscitator and vehicle heater).
6. Sent remembrances to all sick and infirmed members
7. Sold Bicentennial plates to townspeople, which can be maintained on vehicles until *December 31, 1977* by permission of the State of New Hampshire Motor Vehicle Department.
8. Donations were sent to:
 - Concord Jacees
 - N.H. Hospital
 - Salvation Army
 - Dave Welch Family
 - Jacqueline Leclerc Family

All ladies in the town, 18 years of age or over, are cordially invited to join our organization. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 8 PM at the Fire Station. Come One and All.

Present Officers are:

President	Theresa Capozzi
Vice President	Audrey Ordway
Secretary	Mary Lougee
Treasurer	Helen Finch
Sunshine Comm.	Laura Gonyer
	Marina Johnson

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lougee, Secretary

**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.**

Concord Area Center

28 South Main St.

Tel: 225-6880 or 225-9242

For Inclusion in the 1976 Town Report:

The Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., through its Concord Area Center, provides services and programs for low-income persons in Bow and surrounding communities. Local-initiative funds appropriated at 1976 town meeting were used to continue operations at the Concord Area Center, located at 28 South Main Street, and enabled staff to work with town residents in need of housing assistance, emergency food, welfare intervention, utility assistance and referral to available community resources.

Bow residents utilized the *Operation Green Thumb* gardening project, *Summer Work Experience Program*, *Home Winterization Program*, and the *Community Food Project*.

Additional services available to Bow residents were *Project H.E.L.P.* emergency fuel loan program, health care assistance, transportation assistance to services, *Youth and Adult Work Experience Programs*, *On-the-Job Training*, *Public Service Employment Program*, *Rent-A-Kid*, *Elderly Nutrition Program*, and *Elderly Supportive Services*.

We gratefully acknowledge your past support and cooperation in serving Bow families in need.

Jay M. Zax
Concord Area Director

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

During 1976 the Recreation Department maximizing use of all Community facilities afternoons and evenings progressed toward their goal to provide recreation programs for young and old alike. Programming has expanded and approximately one third of the population of Bow has participated in events sponsored by the Recreation Department. It is the hope of the Department to reach even a larger percentage of the town's residents.

Winter and Spring programs include: men's volleyball, women's fitness and volleyball, boys and girls afternoon and evening classes, tennis instruction, ping pong tournament, foul shooting contest, carnival, movies, Boston Celtics trip, skating, a rock concert, and a special Easter egg hunt with approximately 250 attending. Over a hundred prizes were awarded to those participants finding specially marked eggs.

The eight week summer program was well attended and many new features were added by the staff which consisted of a Director, Assistant Director, and two supervisors. The children enjoyed the weekly trips, various contests, overnight trips, golf, archery, arts and crafts, games, family movies and a family cook out.

Men and women softball leagues were formed with nine teams participating throughout the summer. Playoffs were held for each league to determine the championship.

Programs for the Fall and Winter were: daily classes for grades one through twelve and for adults, special events included the first annual circus sponsored by the Department with over eight hundred people in attendance, Halloween party, and a Christmas cartoon show.

Senior adults have formed a club called the "Young in Heart Club" with approximately thirty active members. The club meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Municipal Building at 2:00 p.m. Officers have been elected for this year and by-laws are being set up by the club. The "Young in Heart Club" has traveled to Boston for the flower show, Manchester Flower Show, Isle of Shoals, Mt. Washington Boat trip. Senior Day at Keene State College, Oktoberfest, and at their meetings they have speakers, movies, games and many different activities.

The Recreation Commission was fortunate to secure the services of a new Director, Robert Wheeler. Bob has been a resident of Bow for thirty years and has thirteen years of experience in the field of Physical Education and Recreation combined.

The Recreation Department has been assigned the responsibilities of scheduling the use of the Community Building, Sargent Park, and the Bow Memorial School after school hours including the use of the school athletic field.

The Commission and Director are working with the Conservation Commission, Athletic Club and other Town Officials and Organizations to con-

struct by volunteer labor additional athletic fields on a portion of the recently acquired Upton property.

The Commission meets the first Monday of each month at the Community Building at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the meetings. You may contact Bob or any of the Commission members with any suggestions to help improve or expand the programs serving the needs of Bow in the field of recreation.

The Recreation Director and Commission would like to thank Town Officials, Memorial School, all Town organizations and volunteers for their continuing support to the Recreation Program.

Robert Wheeler, Director of Recreation
Mailing Address: 10 Grandview Road
Office Location: Community Building
Office Phone: 224-9361
If no answer call: 228-0511

Commission
Nancy Wood, Chairperson
Robert McNichol
William Carpenter
Carl McAllister
Cindy Johnson

ANNUAL REPORT OF 250th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

This committee has met at least once a month during the year and sometimes more frequently. We've had several meetings with representatives of various town organizations and, with many interested residents, having joined us both at monthly and other meetings. They came up with numerous excellent suggestions. Thanks to the fine cooperation of these people, we were able to work out a fine celebration of our nation's 200th birthday.

On July 4, 1976, Selectman Carroll French read the Declaration of Independence in a meeting held on the Bow School grounds, and Arthur Sinclair, Chairman of Coins for the bicentennial and sesquibicentennial presented the town with a set of coins which are numbered to coincide with the number of the town's copy of "100 Acres More or Less," the town history published in early January of 1976.

Unfortunately, coin sales did not go as well as we all hoped and many are yet to be picked up and paid for. A different coin is due for the 250th year but there are many 1976 ones still to be sold.

Our restoration project on the remaining one-room schoolhouse at Bow Center saw a total of 201¼ man-hours spent on the building by volunteers. We think the results of this work are worthy of viewing both inside and out. Special thanks for many hours of scraping paint, painting, cleaning and generally "digging out" go to the following people: Anne, Hannah, Anthony and Jeffrey Foote; Barbara, Dick and Paul Nichols, Faye Johnson, Myrna Hanna, Martha Pearson, Patty Blevens, Mary and Norman Fortin, Carolyn Hickey, Liz Greason, Jenifra Gosling, Denise and Deborah White. The exterior painting was done by Hilda and Phil Sargent and Stanley Flag.

There are still several activities planned for May's Old Home Week that we would like to enlist organizations or groups to handle and we are still open for suggestions on these and other projects. Contact any member of the group if you or your group can help. We want this to be a memorable year for our town and you can help make Bow's Sesquibicentennial celebration one of which both you, as a resident, and the town as a whole, can be justly proud.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean L. Bailey, Secretary

THE BOW COMMUNITY MEN'S CLUB

The Bow Community Men's Club is a community service organization founded to promote fellowship, understanding and service to the community. Two hundred and forty members strong, the club is in its 28th year of service.

Groups receiving financial support or services from the club include the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cadets, Recreation Department, Athletic Club, Cub Scouts, and the Bow Little League.

The club sponsored "Meet the Candidate" night, Bow Citizen of the Year Award and co-sponsored the Annual Spring Carnival and the Annual Halloween Party. This year the Men's Club is replacing the old skate shelter with an enclosed building.

The club also granted three scholarships totaling \$1,050 to Bow students graduating from high school.

Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month and are preceded by a social hour and dinner put on by club members.

Community males interested in the Bow Men's Club are cordially invited to attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings.

Club Officers

President	Richard Bellerose
Vice President	Frank Hirsch
Treasurer	John Violette
Secretary	Henry Malay

Committee Chairmen

Ways and Means	Albert Mackey
Membership	C. William Johnson
Program	Richard Bean

BOW WOMEN'S CLUB

The Bow Women's Club is a newly federated member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs founded in May 1976 as a new association for women in the Community.

The objective of this organization is to become a center for community betterment; civic action, social services, broadening of understanding and fellowship among persons of the club and town.

During the first year, we participated in the Annual Bow Spring Carnival, donated tray sprays to McKerley Nursing Home at Thanksgiving, sponsored an Election Day Bake Sale, established a Children's Story Hour at the Baker Free Library, donated funds to the Girl Scouts and assembled and distributed an information booklet for the citizens of the Community.

Some of our proposed projects for this year are: a babysitting clinic, a bicycle registration co-sponsored with the Police Department, planting of trees at historic sites in Bow and participation in Bow Bicentennial Days Celebration.

Each year the club sponsors a Community Improvement Program involving all organizations in the town of Bow.

Our meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month from September thru April at 7:30. We are presently meeting at the Bow Community Baptist Church. Any woman of the community interested in the objectives and work of the Association, is cordially invited to attend our meetings.

The present officers are as follows:

President—Geraldine E. Lawler
Vice President—Dolores Kaiser
Secretary—Alice Myers
Treasurer—Deborah Hipp

BOW ATHLETIC CLUB

The Bow Athletic Club Board of Directors is pleased to report a most successful second year of organized athletic opportunities for our young people. Continuing activities include a youth baseball league for ages 8 through 12, two boys' baseball teams for ages 13 through 16, an all-star tournament baseball team of the 10 to 12 age group, two midget football teams for grades 4 through 7 and two basketball teams for grades 5 through 8. The Bo-Peeps cheering squads continued to support the football and basketball teams.

This past year saw the start of a girls' softball league for ages 9 through 13. An all-star team continued to play neighboring town teams following the regular season. Another first was the sponsorship of 3- and 6-mile road races on Bicentennial Day which we hope to continue as an annual open invitational event for all ages. Approximately 295 youngsters participated in these activities and 50 persons ran in the road races. Other activities included coordinated events in cooperation with the Bow Recreation Director.

Also, for the first time, local businesses were invited to participate financially by sponsoring various teams. This invitation was readily accepted and the Club is greatly appreciative for this support from the business community. When added to the many generous donations and proceeds from other fund-raising events, \$4,173.28 was received and expended for uniforms, equipment and insurance for youth athletic programs.

The growth of the youth baseball program and the beginning of a girls' softball league in combination with a growing Town Recreation Department Softball program, has evolved in a serious lack of playing fields for these activities. The BAC has offered its voluntary services in cooperation with the Recreation Commission to construct these needed facilities. We hope to accomplish this in 1977 as a priority project provided the required space becomes available.

The officers and directors for 1976 were as follows:

President	James E. Gergler
Vice President	David J. Hickey
Secretary.	Olga A. Gillies
Treasurer.	Gail W. Moyers
Directors	Virgil G. Allen, Douglas H. Blampied, Bruce J. Gillies, Joseph A. McKay, Carl McAllister, Kenneth McKenna, James J. McKenzie, Thomas C. Tobey, Norman R. West, and David Whalley

Interested adults who wish to share our common interest in youth athletics are invited to attend the regular Club meetings and become involved. They are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bow Municipal Building Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Directors

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Dec. 26, 1975	Concord, N.H.	Melissa Ann T.	Kenneth R. Morrissey	Guia Tinio
Jan. 5, 1976	Concord, N.H.	Kara Anne	Alonzo F. Saltmarsh	Suzanne C. Roy
Jan. 17	Concord, N.H.	Benjamin Colby	Jeffrey B. Foote	Cherie R. Boulay
Feb. 8	Concord	Timothy Austin	Arthur Yarosh	Pamela H. Heath
Feb. 27	Concord	Michael James	Roger G. Vezina	Marsha A. Messier
Mar. 10	Concord	Gregory John	John A. Pepin	Loraine C. Twombly
Apr. 28	Concord	Shawn David	David H. Terrell	Christine Tisei
May 5	Concord	Matthew Eugene	Kenneth L. Robinson, Jr.	Dorene L. Gross
May 13	Concord	Debra Anne	Dennis A. Prusia	Linda G. Lahar
June 9	Concord	Eben Crosby	Henry M. Herrick	Kay Crosby
June 12	Concord	Amanda Lynn	Douglas E. King	Judith A. Irwin
June 14	Concord	Christian Carl	Lloyd W. Peterson	Diane R. Lord
June 22	Concord	Stacey Marie	Robert D. Godbout	Diane M. Conlon
June 25	Concord	Shevanna Ann	Melvin W. Mattice	Gail S. Culver
July 18	Concord	Jonathan Charles	David A. Bundy	Charlene A. Sorrenty
Aug. 8	Concord	Jill Marie	Laurence K. Plutnicki	Sharon L. Lavorgna
Aug. 11	Concord	Jason Robert	John E. Duckworth	Susan A. Dodge
Aug. 11	Concord	Brianna Lynn	Paul A. Lavoie	Irene L. Proulx
Aug. 29	Concord	Christopher Paul	Paul T. Nadeau	Deborah D. Wilson
Sept. 1	Hanover	Matthew Brian	Donald R. LeHoux	Martha A. Ramsay
Sept. 20	Concord	Elizabeth Ann	Stephen P. Guardino	Deborah J. Simmons
Sept. 28	Concord	Melissa Lynn	Gerald E. Walsh	Barbara A. Faust
Sept. 30	Concord	John Adams	John C. Carr	Rona L. Locke
Oct. 16	Concord	Brian Holmes Sears	David S. Cook	Barbara A. Holmes
Nov. 7	Concord	Robert Douglas	Richard D. Ricard	Kendra M. Morgan
Nov. 21	Concord	Tressa Marie	Ronald M. Blair	Evelyn M. Demick
Dec. 31	Bow	Gina Ann	Thomas J. Lombardo	Claire M. Halloran

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

VIRGINIA F. ABBOTT, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence	Date of Birth	Name, Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
Jan. 10	Lewis Alvin Hulse	Bow	6/22/06	Charles W. Ludeking, Pastor
Jan. 18	Cora Beatrice Miles	Bow	3/19/02	John W. Hilger, Sr. Minister
Feb. 2	John Weaver Hilger, II	Bow	9/5/57	Virginia F. Abbott
Apr. 2	Cynthia Cora Craigue	Concord	12/1/53	Justice of the Peace
Apr. 3	John William Hoik	Concord	2/26/47	Sherwood A. Treadwell
Apr. 24	Diane Ruth Mayo	Bow	6/2/47	Minister
Apr. 17	Gerald Ernest Walsh	Allenstown	8/27/50	John K. Timm,
Apr. 24	Barbara Ann Faust	Bow	1/26/59	Pastor
Apr. 17	Daniel Joseph Moloney, Jr.	New York	12/24/47	Dr. Donald J. Rankin
Apr. 17	Sherri Lynne Gill	Bow	11/8/54	Minister
May 15	Robert B. Young	Bow	3/6/57	Richard A. Pugliese
May 15	Marion M. Patterson	Hampton	1/13/60	Rector
May 15	Lee Scott Waples	Bow	9/18/54	Frederick J. Pennett, Jr.
May 15	Mary Staples Peters	Bow	10/1/55	Roman Catholic Priest
May 22	Robert DeLancey Burkholder	Webster	10/3/50	Bernard A. Carpentiere,
May 22	Angela Aslanian	Bow	7/30/53	Justice of the Peace
May 22	Michael Edward Cooper	Bow	7/13/56	Sherwood A. Treadwell,
May 29	Elizabeth Jane Rix	Bow	9/2/56	Minister
June 5	Gary Dennis Biron	Allenstown	3/15/55	John I. Johnson,
June 5	Laurie Jean Couch	Bow	11/29/56	Clergyman
June 5	Brian Arthur Heath	Concord	1/13/56	George E. Murray
June 5	Laurie Gertrude Page	Bow	6/16/56	Roman Catholic Priest
June 5	Mark Edward Pelletier	Concord	8/2/55	Claudette C. Welch,
June 12	Katherine Eileen Haley	Bow	7/6/55	Justice of the Peace
June 12	William David Rix	Allenstown	4/21/55	Ezeline Johns,
June 12	Jane Wescomb	Bow	3/18/60	Justice of the Peace
June 12	Merton Dennis Rumrill	Bow	6/15/52	Rufus D. King,
June 25	Mary Rumrill	Bow	8/1/51	Justice of the Peace
June 25	Miner Edmond Cilley	Nashua	4/16/12	Francis A. Callahan, Priest
June 26	Vilma Mae Leete	Bow	7/21/26	Tyler T. Waterman,
June 26	Rex Allen Hayward	Bow	2/27/34	Clergy
June 26	Esther Louise Cook	Bow	4/16/43	Frederick J. Pennett, Jr.
June 26	Henry Ralph Burns	Bow	7/8/26	Roman Catholic Priest
July 10	Barbara Mae Colby	Franklin	5/11/38	
July 10	Charles Edwin Bardwell	Bow	1/3/58	
	Rosemarie Anne Musumeci	Concord	9/15/56	

July 17	Scott Lowell Patsfield	Concord	8/30/54	Norman C. Middaugh,
	Robin Lee Conn	Bow	6/22/57	Minister
July 31	Steven Wayne Chase	Bow	2/1/53	Bernard A. Carpentiere,
Aug. 1	Judy Arlene Sargent	Concord	10/14/48	Justice of the Peace
	Richard Charles Geer	Middletown, Conn.	3/27/54	Virginia F. Abbott,
Aug. 29	Dorothy Ann Wagner	Bow	4/16/56	Justice of the Peace
	James Joseph Tomacchio	Hillsborough	12/24/57	William R. Keefe,
Aug. 29	Anita Marie Saltmarsh	Bow	7/28/58	Clergyman
	Lee Blair Williams	Concord	3/3/46	Richard F. Beyer,
	Julie Ann Farnum	Bow	1/14/56	Clergyman
Sept. 4	William Alan Griffin	Bow	12/26/51	Brenda F. Flanders,
	Pamela Anne Bernier	Penacook	7/14/55	Justice of the Peace
Sept. 4	Morgan Lloyd Saltmarsh, Jr.	Bow	4/22/56	Winston L. Blake,
Sept. 18	Deborah Anne Mayo	Concord	12/19/55	Justice of the Peace
	Gary Wayne Thalín	Bow	11/28/50	Norman C. Middaugh,
Oct. 9	Cathy Irene Dubreuil	Bow	7/21/53	Minister
	David McCausland Holden	Essex Jct., Vt.	7/24/53	David G. Hamilton,
Oct. 9	Karen Marie Horsman	Bow	7/7/54	Rector Priest
	Allen Wayne Lindquist	Bow	2/18/56	Sherwood A. Treadwell,
Nov. 24	Susan Diane Leavitt	Concord	9/18/58	Minister
	Arthur Edward Harriman	Concord	8/8/39	Charles W. Ludeking,
	Lynda Leigh Jestings	Bow	3/13/43	Pastor
Dec. 4	Donald W. Eaton	Bow	11/16/55	Kenneth E. Blevens,
	Juliette G. Jennings	Pittsfield	1/11/58	Justice of the Peace
Dec. 11	Robert James Weidinger	North Salem, N.Y.	4/14/33	David A. Brock,
	Nancy Ruth Harvey	Bow	8/29/37	Justice of the Peace

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Place of Birth	Place of Burial
Jan. 1	Concord	Hazel Baker	N.H.	Concord
Jan. 21	Boscawen	Grace Eliza Rogers	N.H.	Concord
Mar. 7	Concord	David F. Dudley	Mass.	Concord
Mar. 16	Bow	Vera E. Saltmarsh	Vt.	Concord
Apr. 9	Concord	Gloria C. Taylor	Mass.	Concord
May 3	Hooksett	Gertrude Page Flanders	N.H.	Bow
May 9	Concord	Claire M. Ford	Vt.	Concord
May 28	Concord	Winthrop J. Plante	N.H.	Bow
June 1	Concord	Ruth J. Pomplun	Vt.	Bow
June 18	Concord	Howard Whitier	N.H.	Bow
June 26	Concord	Alvin Prusia	Iowa	Bow
July 25	Hanover	Franklin E. Gregory, Jr.	Mass.	Bow
Aug. 28	Concord	Gladys R. Huggins	Mass.	Concord
Sept. 1	Hanover	Matthew Brian leHoux	N.H.	Concord
Sept. 25	Bow	Robert F. Burns	N.Y.	New York
Oct. 11	Bow	Dorothy M. Johnston	Iowa	Bow
Oct. 22	Concord	Irene T. Messier	N.H.	Concord
Dec. 12	Bow	Katherine Saltmarsh	N.H.	Entombment Concord
Dec. 21	Concord	Warren E. Pierce	N.H.	Concord
Dec. 20	Belmont	Lawrence W. Smith	N.H.	Entombment Concord
Dec. 31	Concord	Robert G. Brunt	Mass.	West Salisbury

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